REMARKS:

Claims 1, 3, 4, 14 and 17 were rejected under 35 USC 112.

As the examiner can see, claims 1, 3 and 4 have been amended to state that the cDNA encodes a clareticulin peptide as set forth in SEQ ID No. 23. It is believed that this amendment overcomes both objections raised by the examiner.

Further and more favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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